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NEWS ITEMS

Mr. Percy Wilson and Mr. William T. Horne sailed from New York, June 25, to take up their work as assistant botanist and assistant pathologist, respectively, at the Estación Agronómica, Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba.

Professor H. H. Rusby is at Kew, engaged in the critical comparison of South American material from the herbarium of the New York Botanical Garden with that preserved in the herbarium of the Royal Gardens.

Professor Duncan Starr Johnson, of Johns Hopkins University, and Miss Mary Estella Gottert Lentz, of Baltimore, were married June 22, 1904. After spending the month of July at the biological laboratory at Cold Spring Harbor, Professor and Mrs. Johnson intend to sail for Europe early in August.

The most noteworthy botanical event in New York during June was the visit of Professor Hugo de Vries, of Amsterdam, Holland. He arrived June 7, received the degree of Doctor of Science from Columbia University on the following day; delivered the address at the opening exercises of the Station for Experimental Evolution, at Cold Spring Harbor, June 11; on June 14 started for Philadelphia; and thence proceeded to the Desert Laboratory at Tucson, Arizona, in the company of Professor F. E. Lloyd. He remains in this country until the first of October.

The Hulst Botanical Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., was organized on April 13, 1904. The club was named in memory of Dr. George D. Hulst, who for many years was president of the Department of Botany of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Hulst was probably the best informed botanist of the flora of Long Island. The object of the club is the mutual benefit to its members and the increase of interest in botanical subjects. The special work the club has undertaken is the making of an exhaustive list of the flora of Long Island. Dr. A. J. Grout was appointed director of the club. Mrs. Carolyn W. Harris, secretary. At the first meeting of the Hulst Botanical Club the

members formed a chapter of the Wild Flower Preservation Society of America.

Botanical visitors in New York City since the middle of February include Dr. Hugo de Vries, Professor of Botany and Director of the Botanical Garden of the University, Amsterdam, Holland ; Professor Dr. L. Wittmack, of the University of Berlin, editor of *Gartenflora* ; Mr. Frederick V. Coville, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Piper, Mr. William R. Maxon, Dr. J. N. Rose, and Mr. W. F. Wight, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. John F. Cowell, Director of the Botanic Garden, Buffalo, N. Y.; Dr. C. F. Millspaugh, of the Field Columbian Museum, Chicago ; Mr. George H. Shull, lately of the University of Chicago, now in charge of the botanical work at the Station for Experimental Evolution, Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y.; Professor and Mrs. T. D. A. Cockrell, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Dr. John W. Harshberger and Dr. Charles H. Shaw, of the University of Pennsylvania ; Professor E. Mead Wilcox, of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama ; and Professor W. C. Coker, of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.